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SUBJECT: EXCHANGES: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): NEW YORK PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

1. IN DECEMBER THIRTY MEETING, GOSK DIRECTOR SUPAGIN SUGGESTED FOLLOWING CHANGE TO NYPO SCHEDULE: ARRIVE LENINGRAD SEPTEMBER SIX, FREE DAY SEPTEMBER SEVEN, PREMIER SEPTEMBER 8; EVENING CONCERTS SEPTEMBER NINE, TEN, ELEVEN, FREE DAY SEPTEMBER TWELVE, TRAVEL TO MOSCOW (TRAIN) SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, MOSCOW CONCERTS SEPTEMBER FOURTEEN, FIFTEEN, SIXTEEN, SEVENTEEN, DEPART SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN. HE EXPLAINED PROPOSED SHORTENING OF TOUR AS BASED ON A) UNAVAILABILITY OF HALLS EARLIER THAN SEPTEMBER EIGHT DUE TO LEAVE SCHEDULES, B) HIGHER COST TO GOSK OF MAINTAINING ORCHESTRA FOR EXTRA PERIOD (SEE SEPTEL ON ACT).

COMMENT: EMBOFF ALSO HAS BEEN TOLD BY LENINGRAD AND MOSCOW HALL DIRECTORS THAT ANYTHING BEFORE SEPTEMBER TWENTY WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE AS THIS ONLY PERIOD DURING YEAR FOR STAFF VACATIONS. GOSK CONFIDENCE THAT SEPTEMBER EIGHT OPENING POSSIBLE INDICATES CONCESSIONS BY HALLS (POST WILL CHECK INDEPENDENTLY WITH HALLS AFTER NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.) POST BELIEVES EARLIER OPENING WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. GOSK COST ARGUMENT MET WITH OBJECTIONS BY EMBOFF AND WILL BE RESISTED.

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